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1. HIGHLIGHTS. PAPERS SINCE TUESDAY FRONTPAGED WATERGATE; WEDNESDAY PAPERS FEATURED PARIS VIET TALKS; THURSDAY PAPERS NIXON'S ECONOMIC SPEECH; FRIDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGE SENATE CUTS OFF VIET WAR FUNDS; WASHPOST FRONTPAGES KISSINGER

DOUBTS MAJOR SUMMIT ACCORDS.

1 A. WEDNESDAY PAPERS INSIDE HAD FULBRIGHT URGES US ARMS SPENDING SHOULD REFLECT SOVIET RESTRAINT; SOME HAD NATO ALLIES IRKED BY US TACTICS. BALTSUN HAD GENEVA REUTER, US TO REPLY TO SOVIET PLAN ON WEAPONS, ALSO US LAUNCHES SATELLITE TO SPOT SOVIET MISSILE LAUNCHES. NYTIMES HAS BRIEF ON SALT TALKS RECESS.

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AT SUMMIT PREDICTED. NYTIMES INSIDE HAD GAETA ITALY STORY ON EXCHANGE OF VISITS BY US RUSSIAN NAVAL OFFICERS IN MEDITERRANEAN.

1 C. FRIDAY PAPERS INSIDE HAVE ROGERS ASSURES NATO NO NIXON- BREZHNEV DEALS; NYTIMES GENEVA REPORTS NO ONE WANTED TO SPEAK AT ARMS SESSION.

2. ARMS PROGRESS. THURSDAY NOONSTAR FRONTPAGED SHERMAN REPORTING NIXON DROPPED HIS FIRST FULL HINT THAT BREZHNEV MEETING WOULD PRODUCE MAJOR NEW PROGRESS TOWARD SUPERPOWER ARMS LIMITATIONS IN HIS ECONOMY SPEECH WEDNESDAY NIGHT WHEN HE STRESSED HIS CONFIDENCE ON NEW ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS REACHED THROUGH EXTENSIVE CONSULTATION AND CORRESPONDENCE WITH BREZHNEV-- MUCH OF IT QUITE RECENTLY, HE ADDED IN A DEPARTURE FROM HIS PREPARED TEXT-- AND SAYING: I CAN CONFIDENTLY PREDICT THAT OUT OF OUR MEETING WILL COME MAJOR NEW PROGRESS TOWARD REDUCING BOTH THE BURDEN OF ARMS AND THE DANGER OF WAR. SHERMAN SAID THIS PRESUMABLY WILL COME IN SALT AREA BUT POSSIBILITY ALSO OF MUTUAL FORCE REDUCTIONS. SHERMAN CONCLUDED BY SAYING EXPERTS AGREE ANY NIXON- BREZHNEV AGREEMENT WILL BE ONLY FIRST STEP IN CON-

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CRETE AND DIFFICULT PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS.

2 A. WEDNESDAY NYTIMES HAD GENEVA SPECIAL AS TRAILER TO GWERTZMAN PIECE ON 5 PACTS REPORTED READY FOR BREZHNEV VISIT. SPECIAL, HEADED GENEVA TALKS RECESS, SAID SALT TALKS WERE RECESSED TO FREE THE CHIEF NEGOTIATORS FOR POSSIBLE CONSULTATIONS DURING NIXON- BREZHNEV MEETING, ADDING JOHNSON DEPARTED FOR WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY AFTER 34 TH MEETING OF SECOND PHASE OF SALT TWO AND SOVIET SOURCES SAID SEMYONOV IS ALSO RETURNING TO HIS CAPITAL. ACCORDING SPECIAL, THE TWO DIPLOMATS GAVE NO INDICATION OF PROGRESS TOWARD GOAL OF EXPANDING INTERIM AGREEMENT ON OFFENSIVES.

2 B. WASHPOST BERGER REPORTS KISSINGER PROJECTED TO NEWS-MEN A SOVIET- AMERICAN SUMMIT THAT WOULD CONSOLIDATE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES RATHER THAN ACHIEVE SPECTACULAR BREAKTHROUGHS ON UNRESOLVED ISSUES, BUT NEVER-THELESS HELD OUT POSSIBILITY LEADERS COULD SPEED UP TALKS ON LIMITING OFFENSIVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS WHILE VIRTUALLY FORE-CLOSING POSSIBILITY THAT SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS TO CONTROL WHAT HE CALLED THE MOST DANGEROUS WEAPON WOULD RESULT FROM SUMMIT. ACCORDING BERGER, HIS REMARKS SUGGESTED THERE WOULD BE EMPHASIS ON GETTING QUALITATIVE LIMITATIONS TO CONTROL THE PROLIFERATION OF MULTIPLE NUCLEAR WARHEADS, ADDING HIS

HOPE THIS SUMMIT WILL MARK A TURNING- POINT SIMILAR TO THE 1971 AGREEMENT RE SALT ONE. BERGER REPORTS KISSINGER SAID LEADERS WOULD DISCUSS TROOP REDUCTION BUT THERE WOULD BE NO AGREEMENTS OR UNDERSTANDINGS WITHOUT THE FULL CONCURRENCE OF OUR ALLIES, HENCE SUMMIT TALKS COULD BE ONLY EXPLORATORY, ALSO KISSINGER SAID THERE WOULD BE NO ANNOUNCEMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN AS CURRENT EXTENSIVE STUDIES WILL NOT BE COMPLETED AT TIME OF SUMMIT, BUT THIS DOESN' T MEAN ADMINISTRATION IS TURNING DOWN FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FOREVER.

3. NATO. ADVANCE STORIES ON NATO COPENHAGEN MEETING HAVE OFTEN MENTIONED WHAT WAS STRESSED IN UPI STORY IN WEDNESDAY WASHSTAR, US TACTICS IRK NATO ALLIES. UPI CITING NATO
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SOURCES AS SAYING DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND ITS ALLIES COULD TORPEDO PLANS TO OPEN CSCE ON JULY 3 SINCE BELGIUM NETHERLANDS CANADA ARE ANGRY AT WHAT THEY CONSIDER A SUPERPOWER ATTEMPT TO RAM DECISIONS DOWN THE THROATS OF THEIR ALLIES, MENTIONING IN PARTICULAR US SIDING WITH RUSSIA ON ISSUE OF SETTING A FIRM DATE FOR TROOP REDUCTION TALKS. DISSIDENT ALLIES MAY OPPOSE PROCEEDING WITH CSCE ON SCHEDULE UNLESS RUSSIANS AGREE TO A DATE FOR TROOP REDUCTION TALKS, BUT US FEELS CONFERENCE DATE IS SO SECURELY SET THERE IS NO POINT IN USING IT AS A BARGAINING CHIP WITH THE RUSSIANS.

3 A. FRIDAY MORNING STORIES ALL STRESS ROGERS' REASSURANCE TO ALLIES IN DEPARTURE FROM HIS TEXT, BALTSUN'S OISHI SAYING REASSURANCE WAS MADE NECESSARY BY PERSISTENT RUMORS THAT A US- SOVIET AGREEMENT WAS IN THE WORKS CALLING FOR A MUTUAL 10 TO 15 PERCENT TROOP REDUCTION IN CENTRAL EUROPE AND ROGERS ADDED US FULLY EXPECTS SOVIET UNION TO LIVE UP TO ITS AGREEMENT TO BEGIN ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS BY OCTOBER 30 AT LATEST, OISHI ADDING THAT CURRENT RUSSIAN PROPOSAL TO BEGIN FORCE- CUT TALKS ONE MONTH AFTER COMPLETION OF ALL THREE PHASES OF CSCE IS ACCEPTABLE TO NONE OF NATO MEMBERS.

4. DISARMAMENT. FRIDAY NYTIMES GENEVA REUTERS REPORTS
25- NATION CONFERENCE WHICH RESUMED LAST WEEK MET FOR ONLY
FOUR MINUTES TODAY BECAUSE NO ONE WANTED TO SPEAK-- THE
LACK OF SPEAKERS BEING SEEN AS REFLECTING AN INACTIVE MOOD
AND TENDED TO CONFIRM PREDICTIONS THAT LITTLE EARLY PRO-
GRESS WAS LIKELY TOWARD BANS ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND
UNDERGROUND TESTS.

4 A. WEDNESDAY BALTSUN GENEVA REUTER REPORTED US, REACTING
TO SOVIET CRITICISM, YESTERDAY PROMISED THE RECONVENED
GENEVA DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE IT WOULD RESPOND TO RUSSIAN
PROPOSALS FOR BANNING CHEMICAL WEAPONS, MARTIN SAYING HIS
DELEGATION WOULD TAKE PART WITH OTHERS IN EXPLORING
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WHAT POSSIBILITIES MIGHT EXIST FOR ACHIEVING ADEQUATELY
VERIFIED COMPREHENSIVE PROHIBITIONS ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS.
REUTER ADDED US SO FAR HAS FAILED TO RESPOND TO LAST
YEAR'S SOVIET DRAFT CONVENTION BUT HAS CRITICIZED IT AS
TOO GENERALIZED AND UNREALISTIC. ACCORDING REUTER,
MARTIN'S STATEMENT GAVE OBSERVERS HOPES FOR SOME PROGRESS
BUT HE WARNED THERE MIGHT BE GREAT DIFFICULTIES IN WORKING
OUT ADEQUATE WAYS OF POLICING A COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT,
ADDING THAT US EXPECTED NEW SUGGESTIONS DURING THE SESSION.

5. TESTING. THURSDAY WASHPOST HAD LOCAL UPI REPORTING 14-
TO-1 VOTE OF SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON RESO-
LUTION BY KENNEDY URGING PRESIDENT TO PROPOSE AN IMMEDIATE
CESSATION OF UNDERGROUND TESTING DURING HIS TALKS WITH
BREZHNEV. GRIFFIN CAST THE NEGATIVE VOTE. RESOLUTION PRO-
POSED US SUSPENSION OF TESTING SO LONG AS SOVIET UNION
ABSTAINS FROM UNDERGROUND TESTING AND NOTED SIGNIFICANT
PROGRESS IN IDENTIFICATION OF UNDERGROUND TESTS. UPI SAYS
FRED IKLE, NOMINEE TO HEAD ACDA, TESTIFYING AT HIS CON-
FIRMATION HEARING, SAID THE RESOLUTION WOULD BE A CONSTRUC-
TIVE STEP FORWARD BUT DOUBTED THAT THE TWO SIDES WERE
NEAR AGREEMENT ON MORATORIUM AND WAS ALSO TROUBLED BY
QUESTION OF HOW PEACEFUL UNDERGROUND EXPLOSIONS COULD CON-
TINUE, AS WELL AS NOTING PROBABILITY OTHER NATIONS WOULDN'T
ACCEDE TO A TREATY STOPPING TESTS. NYTIMES HAD AP WASHING-
TON STRESSING OVERWHELMING COMMITTEE APPROVAL FOR RESOLU-
TION URGING MUTUAL SUSPENSION OF UNDERGROUND TESTS.

6. US BUDGET. WEDNESDAY WASHPOST UNSIGNED LOCAL REPORTED
FULBRIGHT ASKED REAPPRAISAL OF DEFENSE BUDGET, SUGGESTING
THAT SINCE RUSSIANS SEEM INTENT ON LIVING UP TO TERMS OF
SALT ONE CONGRESS SHOULD REAPPRAISE NEED FOR SUCH A HIGH
AMERICAN DEFENSE BUDGET. STORY SAYS FULBRIGHT, IN AN
UNUSUAL SPEECH INSERTED INTO CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, RAISED
QUESTIONS ABOUT SOVIET MISSILE PROGRESS OR LACK OF IT AND
LEFT IMPRESSION HE ALREADY HAD ANSWERS. BALTSUN CORDDRY
ADDED FULBRIGHT SPECIFICALLY TAUNTED JACKSON ABOUT WHAT IN

FACT HAPPENED TO THOSE BIG, TERRIFYING SOVIET NEW MISSILES,
CORDDRY ADDING JACKSON HAD NO IMMEDIATE COMMENT BUT ONE OF
HIS AIDES CONTENDED RUSSIANS ARE PUSHING AHEAD WITH ALL
THE DEVELOPMENTS JACKSON HAD FORECAST.

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6 A. THURSDAY WASHSTAR HAD ORR KELLY LOCAL HEADED SOVIET ARMS WORRY CLEMENTS, IN AGREEMENT WITH MORNING REPORTS ON CLEMENTS' FIRST PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE INDICATED HE FEELS SOVIETS ARE STILL SEEKING MILITARY SUPERIORITY OVER US. KELLY REPORTED CLEMENTS REJECTED FULBRIGHT'S SUGGESTION US TAKE NOTE OF REDUCTIONS IN SOVIET ARMS AND REDUCE ITS OWN BUDGET, HOLDING WE DON'T HAVE SOLID INFORMATION SOVIETS HAVE TAKEN DOWN CERTAIN MISSILE SYSTEMS, INDEED EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE IS TRUE. PORTER

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